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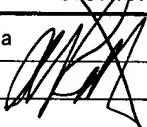
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Applicant: Valentin Panayotov  
Filed: November 3, 2000  
Title: COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR DATA EXCHANGE VIA SHARED FILES  
TC/A.U.: 2155  
Examiner: Not yet known  
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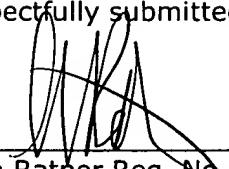
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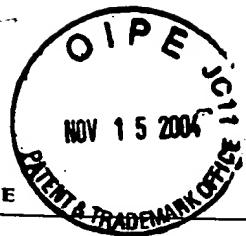


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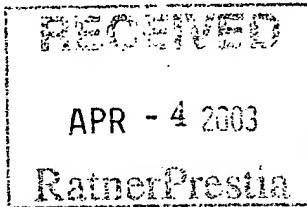
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✓ Title

Communication protocol for data exchange via shared files

Preliminary Class

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